

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

House passed H.R. 2211, Ready to Teach Act.

House passed H.R. 438, Teacher Recruitment and Retention Act.

House passed H.R. 2657, Legislative Branch Appropriations for FY 2004.

House Committees ordered reported 14 sundry measures.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9061–S9160

Measures Introduced: Seven bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1379–1385. **Pages S9118–19**

Measures Reported:

S. 1382, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

S. 1383, making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004. **Page S9118**

Patients First Act: Senate continued consideration of the motion to proceed to consideration of S. 11, to protect patients' access to quality and affordable health care by reducing the effects of excessive liability costs. **Pages S9061–83**

During consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 49 yeas to 48 nays (Vote No. 264), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, not having voted in the affirmative, Senate rejected the motion to close further debate on the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Page S9083**

State Department Authorization: Senate began consideration of S. 925, to authorize appropriations for the Department of State and international broadcasting activities for fiscal year 2004 and for the Peace Corps for fiscal years 2004 through 2007, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S9086–89**

Adopted:

Lugar/Biden Amendment No. 1139 (to Amendment No. 1136), to make certain improvements to the bill. **Pages S9092–93**

Brownback Amendment No. 1138 (to Amendment No. 1136), to allow North Koreans to apply for refugee status or asylum. **Pages S9093–94**

Boxer Amendment No. 1141 (to Amendment No. 1136), to prohibit the application of certain restrictive eligibility requirements to foreign nongovernmental organizations with respect to the provision of assistance under part I of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961. (By 43 yeas to 53 nays (Vote No. 267), Senate earlier failed to table the amendment.) **Pages S9095–S9104**

Brownback Amendment No. 1145 (to Amendment No. 1136), to provide support for democracy in Iran. **Pages S9105–07**

Allen Amendment No. 1144 (to Amendment No. 1136), to enhance efforts to combat the piracy of United States copyrighted materials. **Pages S9108–11**

Pending:

Lugar Amendment No. 1136, in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S9086–89**

Lautenberg Amendment No. 1135 (to Amendment No. 1136), to provide justice for Marine victims of terror. **Pages S9107–08**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 10, 2003. **Page S9160**

Child Tax Credit: The motion to proceed to the consideration of S. 1162, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to accelerate the increase in the refundability of the child tax credit was made. **Page S9094**

During consideration of the motion to proceed to the consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 51 yeas to 45 nays (Vote No. 266), Senate tabled the motion to proceed to consideration of the bill. **Pages S9094–95**

Messages From the President: Senate received the following message from the President of the United States:

Transmitting, pursuant to law, the District of Columbia's Fiscal Year 2004 Budget Request Act; to the Committee on Governmental Affairs. (PM-43)

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 54 yeas 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 265), Victor J. Wolski, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

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Susan G. Braden, of the District of Columbia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Charles F. Lettow, of Virginia, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

Mary Ellen Coster Williams, of Maryland, to be a Judge of the United States Court of Federal Claims for a term of fifteen years.

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Privilege of the Floor:

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Record Votes: Four record vote's were taken today. (Total-267)

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 6:56 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Thursday, July 10, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9160.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

APPROPRIATIONS: HOMELAND SECURITY

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Homeland Security approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior approved for full Committee consideration an original bill making appropriations for the Department of the Interior and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

APPROPRIATIONS: LEGISLATIVE BRANCH/ DOD

Committee on Appropriations: Committee ordered favorably reported the following bills:

An original bill (S. 1383) making appropriations for the Legislative Branch for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004; and

An original bill (S. 1382) making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004.

AFGHANISTAN & IRAQ

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded open and closed hearings to examine lessons learned during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan and Operation Iraqi Freedom, and ongoing operations in the United States Central Command region, focusing on USCENTCOM areas of responsibility, regional concerns, the Horn of Africa, Iran, the Gulf States, South and Central Asia, weapons of mass destruction proliferation, terrorism and counterterrorism, and security cooperation, after receiving testimony from Donald H. Rumsfeld, Secretary of Defense; and General Tommy R. Franks, former Commander, U.S. Central Command.

INDIAN GAMING REGULATORY ACT

Committee on Indian Affairs: Committee concluded oversight hearings on the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act, focusing on the role of the Department of the Interior in reviewing revenue-sharing provisions included in Class III tribal-state gaming compacts submitted to the Department for approval, after receiving testimony from Aurene M. Martin, Acting Assistant Secretary of the Interior for Indian Affairs; Zachariah Pahmahmie, Prairie Band Potawatomi Nation, Mayetta, Kansas; Herman A. Williams, Jr., Tulalip Tribes of Washington, Tulalip; Jacob Viarrial, Pueblo of Pojoaque, Santa Fe, New Mexico; Pedro Johnson, Washington, D.C., on behalf of the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation; Brenda Soulliere, California Nations Indian Gaming Association, Sacramento; and Frank Chaves, New Mexico Indian Gaming Association, Bernalillo.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded hearings on the nominations of James O. Browning, to be United States District Judge for the District